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(b) Before 1925 temporary upper subordinates were granted increments once in three years. In that year 90 temporary posts of supervisors were brought on to the permanent establishment. It was then thought that owing to the increase in the permanent cadre, the temporary men would have better chances of confirmation and would not have to wait so long if they were good enough to be brought on to the permanent establishment. The incremental scale of pay was therefore abolished.

(c) Twenty-eight years and six months.

(d) Representations have been made in the matter by the Madras Engineering Association. The Chief Engineer has been asked to examine the question. His reply is awaited.

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Financial aid to Vishavaidyasala at Tirur.

*703 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a Vishavaidyasala (snake-bite curing hospital) at Tirur in South Malabar;

(b) whether the Government are aware that it is a popular institution and is doing good work;

(c) whether any help was asked for by the institution from the Government;

(d) whether the Government granted or refused such request; and

(e) whether the Government will enquire into the conduct of this institution and consider the advisability of encouraging it by giving financial aid to it and otherwise?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It has been so represented to the Government by a few local boards in the Malabar district who applied for sanction to contribute towards the upkeep of the institution.

(c) No.

(d) The question does not arise.

(e) There is no need to make an enquiry since there is no application for grant.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know whether any local boards asked the permission of the Government to contribute to this institution?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I remember two cases, Mr. President; Malabar District Board and Tanur Taluk Board."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know if the requests in those applications were granted?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"In one case it was stated that it was not necessary to obtain sanction; in the other case it was sanctioned."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know whether any sums were contributed for the benefit of the institution and, if so, how much?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The authorities who applied for sanction would have contributed the amount."

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether this vaidyasala was inspected by the Surgeon-General or the District Sanitary Officer of Malabar, whether they have stated that curing is done on scientific methods or only by manthrams and whether the institution is curing bites of poisonous or non-poisonous snakes or Government snakes ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am yet to learn that Government have any snakes except in the Peoples Park. Neither the Surgeon-General nor the Medical Officer has sent us a report."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are the Government going to contribute any sums to the institution if the curing is unscientific ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government have not made any contribution as yet."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that there is an institution at Parel in Bombay where they extract poison and prepare an antidote to snake bites ? May I ask whether the Government are going to open a similar institution in Malabar ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information he gave regarding that institution in Bombay."

Accommodation for students from the Vizagapatam Medical School.

* 704 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Vizagapatam Medical School has been closed ; if so, when and for what reasons ;

(*b*) whether the students from that school have come to the Rayapuram Medical School ;

(*c*) whether the Rayapuram Medical School has accommodation for all of them ;

(*d*) how many such students have been admitted in the Rayapuram Medical School ; and

(*e*) whether there is room in the Rayapuram Medical School for more students and, if so, for how many ?

A.—(*a*) The Vizagapatam Medical School was closed in July 1927. The closure was necessitated by the establishment of the Medical College at Vizagapatam as the clinical material available in the Headquarter hospital was not sufficient for the proper instruction of the students of both the college and the school

(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) One hundred and forty-eight.
(*e*) No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I enquire what the strength was of the Medical School at Vizagapatam when it was closed ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" My recollection is that it was 148. "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Were all the students admitted into the Rayapuram School or were any of them turned out for want of accommodation ? "